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An October Bouquet of Glossy Autumnberry\* and Tree Spiraea

\* Ligustrum vulgaris, a plant that thrives in dry, shady places.  
3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$0.60 each; 3 for \$1.50, F. O. B. Piqua.

## WORTHWHILE FLOWERING SHRUBS for 1940

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# For Summer Bloom

## Heavenly Blue Vitex

(*Vitex macrophylla*)

Last summer and early fall no plant in our nursery created more favorable comment than this new, blue-flowering shrub. Its sprightly green foliage makes it a handsome plant even when not in bloom; the blooming period extends from late summer until cut down by frosts in October. More dwarf and hardier than the older *Vitex agnus-castus*; grows about 4 ft. high, and must be planted in the sun.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$0.75 each;  
or 3 for \$2.00 Postpaid



The Vitex takes its color from the sky

## Summer-Plumes

(*Spiraea richmensis*)

Dark pink flowers, larger than the Douglas Spirea. You will want this arching shrub in your border planting.

Blooming size, 3 ft. Plants, \$0.60 each;  
or 3 for \$1.50 Postpaid

## Blue Rose Of Sharon

This Single Blue Althea is the Aristocrat of all the Altheas.

The color of this large single-flowering Althea is a clear and distinct blue. Use it for an accent, singly or a group of three; or use it anywhere you want a narrow, upright shrub that will never outgrow its location.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$0.90 ea. Postpaid,  
or 3 to 4 ft., F. O. B. Piqua



Rose of Sharon



The Weigela-like flowers of Beauty Bush

## Beauty Bush

(*Kolkwitzia amabilis*)

A new shrub from China which became popular almost over night. In June the slender branches are borne down with large clusters of small pink, Weigela-like flowers. Grows to 6 ft.

2 to 3 ft., Plants, \$0.85 each,  
Three for \$2.25, Postpaid.  
3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.00 each,  
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Neillia—a decorative lusty shrub, flowering like the Trailing Arbutus.

## Tube Neillia

(*Neillia sinensis*).

A very unusual shrub, both for its pink "tube" shaped flowers in June, and the deeply toothed leaves of reddish-brown. Gives an interesting and colorful contrast to the shrub border. We predict its greater importance when better known. Perfectly hardy at Rochester.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.35 each;  
3 for \$3.35 Postpaid.

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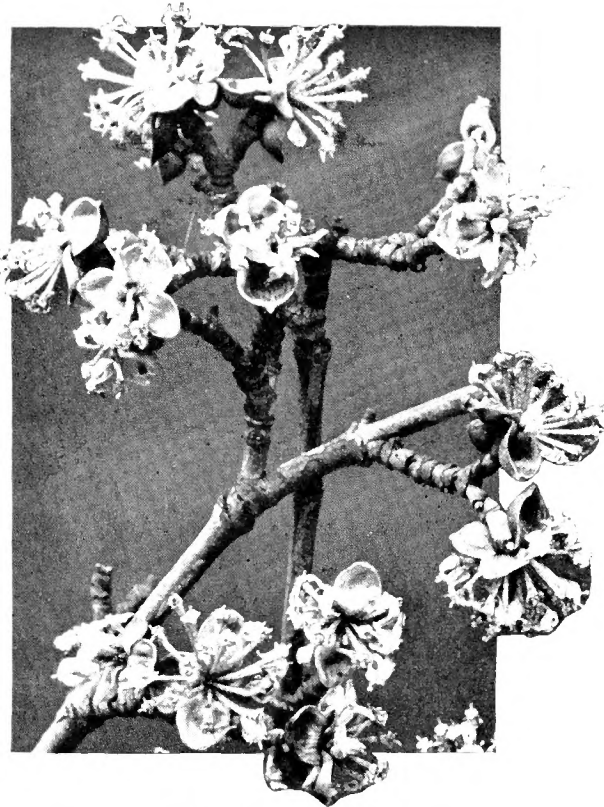
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*Cornelian Cherry bursting out with its bright yellow flowers.*

# A Winter Garden

**Winter Jasmine** (*Jasminum nudiflorum*). Yellow bells on viny stems; blooms in February if it is a warm month. **2 Year Plants, \$0.75 each, Postpaid.**

## Cornelian Cherry (*Cornus mas*).

Blossoms in March, hardly waiting for the snow to go. A heavy foliage plant with deep green leaves all summer; ideal for shady locations which are difficult to plant or city atmosphere. Slow growing to 10 to 15 ft.

**3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50**

**4 to 5 ft. Plants, \$1.50 each; 3 for \$3.75**

**All F. O. B. Piqua.**

**2 to 3 ft. mailing size, \$0.85 ea., Postpaid.**



## February Daphne (*Daphne mezereum rubrum*).

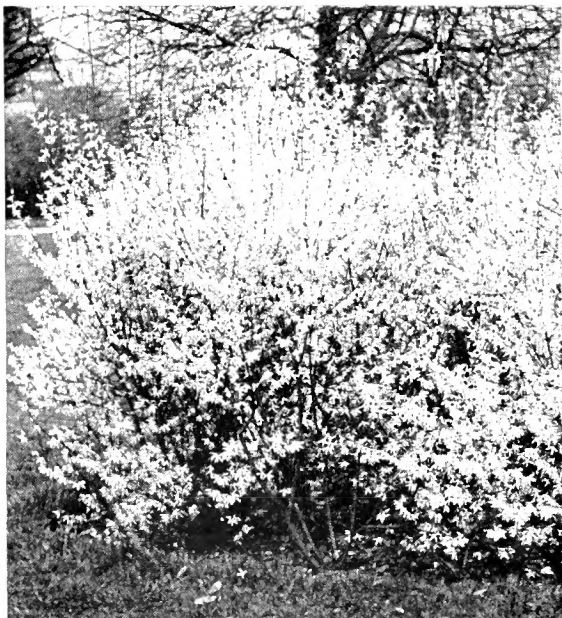
A small shrub suitable for the Rock Garden; in February or the early March the stout little branches are thickly set with deep red, fragrant flowers. Following the bloom the light yellow leaves make a pleasing contrast. Enjoys partial shade, and a well drained soil.

**Bushy 12 to 15 in. Plants, \$0.90 each; or 3 for \$2.25 Postpaid.**

**Or with ball of earth, F. O. B. Piqua**

## Cheer for the House

In February and early March cut a few branches of Brilliant Goldenbell, Spring Deboutante, Cornelian Cherry, Witch-hazel or the Japanese Flowering Quince and place in a vase. The buds will swell into lasting bloom.



*Brilliant Goldenbell*



*Like the Robin, February Daphne is the harbinger of Spring*

## Winter-flowering Witch-hazel (*Hamamelis mollis*).

This rare Chinese Witch-hazel blooms in February or early March, and the flowers of no other Witch-hazel are so large and beautiful. The long leaves are strongly veined and clothed with soft woolly hairs on the underside, turning to brilliant shades of yellow and orange before falling in November. Prefers a moist soil of loam, peat and sand.

**2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$2.35 each, Postpaid.**

## Brilliant Golden-bell (*Forsythia intermedia spectabilis*).

In the South the Forsythia is known as "Hurls of Spring", the eagerly awaited forerunner of Spring flowering shrubs. **Spectabilis** is the upright type, and the most brilliant; each branch is densely packed with the golden, 4-petaled little bells. A fast growing shrub for either sun or shade. **2 to 3 ft. Plants, special mailing size, Two for \$1.00 Postpaid.**

**Extra Heavy Plants, F. O. B. Piqua.**

**3 to 4 ft., \$0.50 each; 3 for \$1.35**

**4 to 5 ft., \$0.75 each; 3 for \$2.00**

## Springscent

(*Fothergilla major*)

The plumes of milky-white stamens are borne just as the leaves are unfolding, a rare and unusual sight. The summer foliage is similar to its cousins, the Witch-hazels, but again showing individuality in Autumn by coloring to brilliant shades of yellow and crimson.

Springscent is slow growing to 4 to 5 ft., and applications of peat and sand are beneficial.

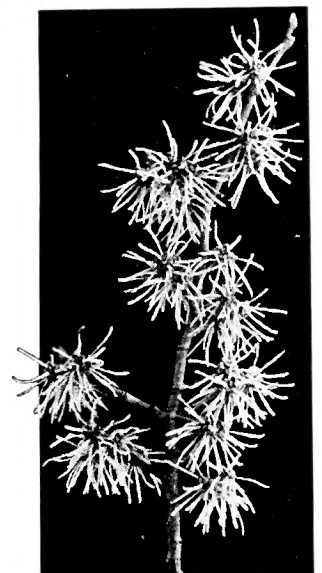
**1½ to 2 ft. Plants, \$1.75 each; or 3 for \$4.00, Postpaid.**

**Heavy 3 ft. Plants, \$2.75 each. F. O. B. Piqua.**

## Vernal Witch-hazel (*Hamamelis vernalis*).

The yellow or red flowers (your choice) appear on the first mild day in January or February, emitting the delightfully spicy odor of almonds. Slow growing to 6 ft. with large yellowish-green leaves.

**2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.35 each, Postpaid**



*The golden-yellow flowers of the Winter-flowering Witch-hazel*

## Winter Honeysuckle (*Lonicera fragrantissima*)

The first of the Bush Honeysuckles to bloom, creamy-white flowers with the delicious Honeysuckle smell; and the dark green, leathery leaves are almost evergreen.

**3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$0.60 each; or 3 for \$1.50. F. O. B. Piqua.**

# Springtime in the Garden

## Japanese Flowering Quince

(Chaenomeles or Cydonia japonica)

The new and rare colors we are offering have promoted this old favorite to first place in the modern garden.

(We pay the postage or express at the following prices.)

### Apple-blossom Pink.

One of the loveliest new colors, so different from the old red Japonica. Scattering bloom all summer.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.75 each; 3 to 4 ft., \$2.50 each.

### Blood-red (Cydonia japonica rubra grandiflora)

Deep blood-red, the largest flowers of all.

1½ to 2 ft. Plants, \$1.50 ea. 3 ft. Plants, \$2.25 ea.

### Crimson-flowering.

(sanguinea)

Deep red flowers both spring and fall.

Spreading habit and nearly evergreen.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.75 each.

### Crimson and Gold.

Rich velvety-red flowers with a mass of golden stamens. New.

2 ft. Plants, \$2.50 each.

### Salmon-rose (C. versicolor lutescens)

A fine pink variety.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.75 each.

### White-flowering.

(C. jap. nivalis)

Pure white flowers, a very rare and prolific strain.

1½ to 2 ft. Plants, \$1.50

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.75 each,

### Alpine Japanese Quince

(C. alpina superba)

Fiery, orange-red flowers; large attractive fruits. Dwarf.

18 inch Plants, \$1.00 each.



The salmon-pink flowers of Spring Debutante appear as little rosettes.



The Japanese Flowering Quince sounds the first color note of Spring.



### Rose Daphne (Daphne cneorum)

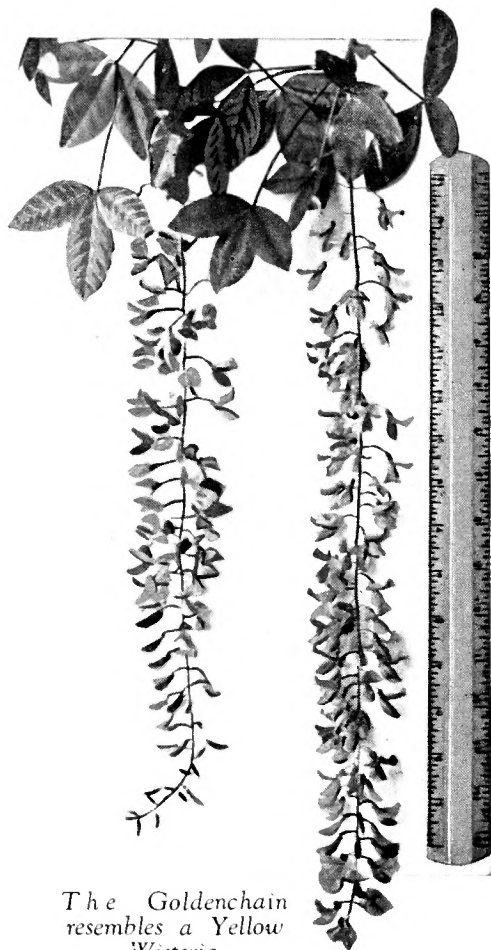
A dwarf evergreen shrub which deserves its beautiful name. The rosy-lilac flowers have the fragrance of the Jasmine, making a lavish appearance in April and May, and on and off during the summer; the spreading branches leave a glossy-green trail.

Prefers a well drained neutral soil and a sunny location, but shade from the hot sun the first summer.

6 to 9 in. at \$ .90; or 3 for \$2.25

9 to 12 in. at \$1.25; or 3 for \$3.00

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The Goldenchain resembles a Yellow Wisteria

## Long-Cluster Goldenchain

(Laburnum vossii)

### The Thrill of Thrills—

Just as the Lilacs are finishing it lets down its gorgeous yellow racemes, like flowing gold, and out of all proportion to the size of the plant. Even the sophisticated nurseryman will "walk a mile" to see one in bloom.

Commencing as a little tree studded with heavy buds Long-cluster Goldenchain soon branches out into a vase-shaped tree and ordinarily will not reach a height of over 12 ft. Plant it in a somewhat protected place, as an accent shrub or lawn tree like the Magnolia.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.85 each; 3 for \$ 5.00

5 to 6 ft. Plants, \$2.85 each; 3 for \$ 7.00

Branched specimens, 6 to 8 ft., \$6.85 each

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## Spring Debutante

(Prunus cerasifera blieriana)

A dwarf tree (10 to 15 ft.) of symmetrical shape whose straight slender branches are laden with salmon-pink rosettes, making its blooming period of 3 to 4 weeks in April an unforgettable event. After the flowers have been out for a while the young coppery foliage makes its appearance.

Plant one or more of these trees, either in a prominent place on the lawn or as an accent in the garden. The flowers are excellent for cutting, and the purple foliage persists all summer.

### Prices for Spring Debutante

3 to 4 ft. Trees, \$1.25 each; 3 for \$3.20

4 to 5 ft. Trees, \$1.50 each; 3 for \$3.75

5 to 6 ft. Trees, \$1.75 each; 3 for \$4.50

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# Maytime

## Mountain Stewartia (*Stewartia pentagyna*)

A rare native shrub or tree-like shrub of untold beauty. Blooms the end of June or early July, the flowers measuring 3 to 4½ in. across, with orange-colored anthers. Prefers a peat and loam soil, moist, and partial shade—or a simulation of its natural habitat in the woods.

2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$1.25 each,  
2 for \$2.00 Postpaid.

## Paul's Scarlet Hawthorne

A friendly little tree whose double scarlet flowers borne like nested nosegays bring cheer for many weeks in May.

4 to 5 ft. Trees, \$2.25 each,  
F. O. B. Piqua

## American Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*).

We are listing this because it is our most beautiful native tree, and because nursery grown plants have the proper kind of roots for transplanting. A cloud of rosy-pink pea-shaped flowers at the time the Dogwoods are blooming.

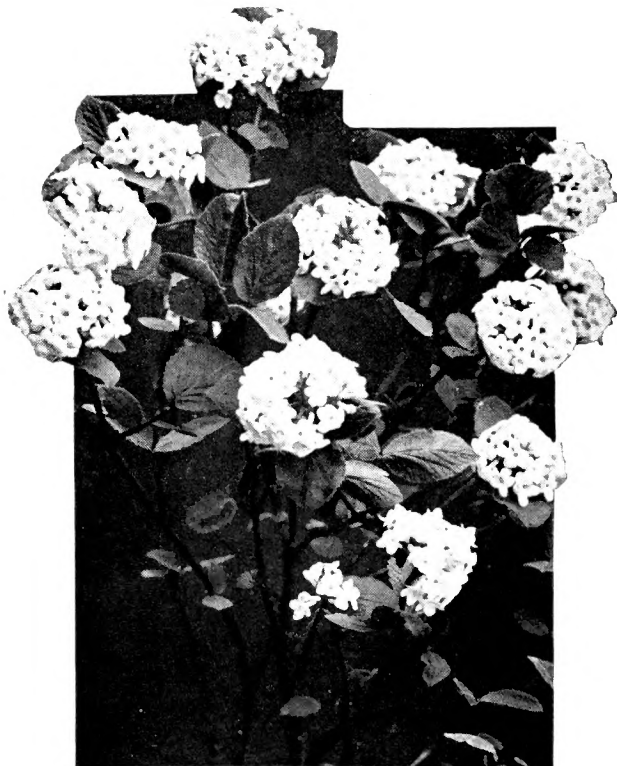
4 to 5 ft. Bush Form, \$1.35 each.  
5 to 6 ft. Trees, \$1.65 each.  
F. O. B. Piqua.



## White Fringe (*Chionanthus virginica*)

Make your garden distinctive by planting this easy-to-grow tree-like shrub. The white, fringe-like blossoms literally cover the whole bush at the time your Tall Bearded Iris are blooming, forming an exquisite background for their lavender and purple coloring. The purple plum-like fruits are quickly eaten by the birds. Blooms when only 3 ft. tall; and grows to 12 ft.; thrives under city conditions and is not affected by insects or disease.

3 ft. Bushy Plants, \$1.00 each  
5 to 6 ft. Extra heavy, \$1.85 each  
F. O. B. Piqua



The orange-pink buds of the fragrant May-bush open into lovely pink flowers changing to white

## Fragrant May-bush (*Viburnum carlesi*)

The rare and unexpected clove-like fragrance of this "Carles' Jewel" permeates the garden during late May and June. A rich pink in the bud, the flowers are pure white when fully open, and waxy in texture. This is a real aristocrat which will never be "cheap". A shrub of broad, round habit, growing slowly to 4 or 5 ft.; likes the sun and soil not too dry. Our plants carry many bloom buds and heavy, fibrous root systems; ball of earth 25c extra if desired, and which assures bloom the first year.

15 to 18 in. Plants, \$1.25 each, Postpaid.  
2½ ft. Plants, \$2.25 each, F. O. B. Piqua

## *Viburnum burkwoodi*

The new hybrid of Carlesi, just as fragrant but blooming one to two weeks earlier. Flower heads measure up to four inches across and on longer stems. Semi-evergreen with brilliant fall coloring.

15 to 18 in. Plants with bare roots,  
\$1.50 each, or 4 for \$5.00 Postpaid.  
2 to 3 ft. Plants with ball of earth,  
\$3.50 each, F. O. B. Piqua.

## Showy Pearlbrush (*Exochorda giraldi wilsoni*)

We held back this new and handsomest variety of the Pearlbrush until we were perfectly certain of its hardiness. The gleaming pearl-like buds open in April and May, disclosing delicate star-shaped flowers. This namesake of Dr. Wilson bears larger flowers than the common Pearlbrush, and is of more upright and floriferous habit. Prune heavily after blooming; grows 6 to 10 ft.

Heavy 3 to 4 ft. Plants,  
\$2.50 each, F. O. B. Piqua



One of the Flowering Crabs



Showy Pearlbrush in bloom at the Arnold Arboretum

## Flowering Crabs

The rare beauty of these three Flowering Crabs is bound to enthrall even the most sophisticated. They are at home in the most modest Cottage Garden as well as in the most ornate Formal Garden.

### Queen of The May (*Malus theifera*)

One of the very finest new varieties with rather bush-like picturesque habit of growth. A stunning display of rose-pink flowers changing to white on opening.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.35 each,  
Postpaid.

### Eley Flowering Crab (*Malus purpurea eleyi*)

Bright red, dish-shaped flowers followed by very conspicuous fruit of a rich reddish color.

4 to 5 ft. Trees, \$1.25 each,  
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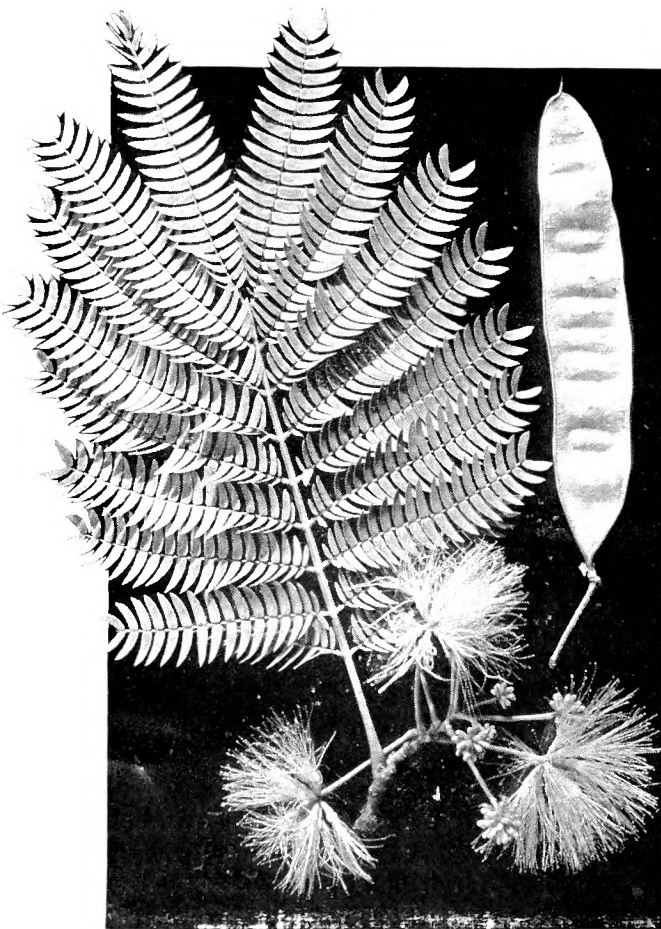
# Small Flowering Trees



## Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa japonica*)

This Lilac blooms in June, long after the old fashioned and French Hybrid lilacs have finished, and therefore never injured by frost. The snowy fleecy-white flowers are produced in large erect symmetrical clusters; and when not in bloom the deep green foliage make this a handsome plant of highest ornamental qualities. Grows 10 to 12 feet high, bush-like as illustrated or tree-form.

3 to 4 ft. Plant, \$0.85 each; 3 for \$2.25  
5 to 6 ft. Specimen Plants, \$1.50 each;  
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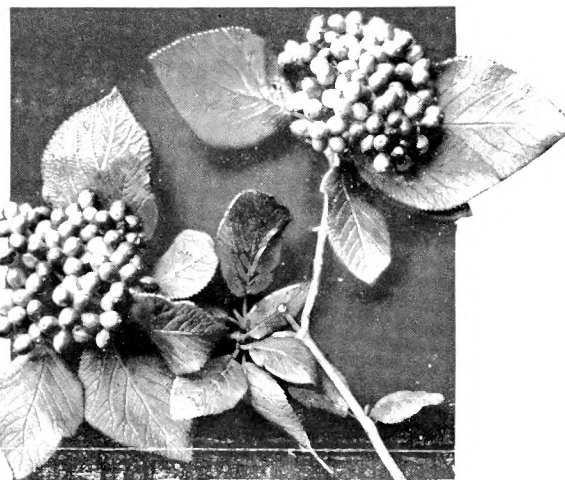


Pink Mimosa or Silk Tree

## Sweet Bay or Laurel Magnolia (*Magnolia glauca*)

The flowers resemble giant Gardenias in shape and fragrance, opening a rich cream color and gradually acquiring a pale apricot tint. Unlike the Chinese Magnolias this excellent small shrubby tree (6 to 8 ft. in North, taller in South) blooms in the month of July. The rich glossy-green, almost ever-green foliage is glaucous beneath, giving the whole a silvery sheen. The beauty of the Laurel Magnolia continues throughout the year: in Autumn its red-jacketed fruit opens to the waiting Birds, and then until Spring again we see its cheerful apple-green stems. Thrives in any damp, sunny location. Hardy Ohio grown plants, **dug with a ball of earth.**

Bushy 2 to 3 ft. Plants, \$2.50 each; 3 for \$6.00  
3 to 4 ft. \$3.50 each, F. O. B. Piqua



A Treat for The Wayfaring Birds

## Viburnums for Berries

### Wayfaring Bird-bush. (*Viburnum lantana*).

William Falconer, greatest Plantsman of his day, considered this one of our best shrubs. Its soft, heavy foliage is a dark, grayish green, reaching to the ground; the clusters of white flowers in early May are followed by red fruit turning black as it ripens, and which the birds strip until they are gone (about Sept. 1st). Stands dry, hot weather, and grows 10 to 15 ft. high.

Extra heavy, 3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$0.75;  
3 for \$2.00. F. O. B. Piqua

**American Cranberrybush.** (*V. americanum*). Sturdy branches hold the flat clusters of orange-red berries all winter.

**Arrowwood.** (*V. dentatum*). Excellent foliage for damp shady places, the leaves changing to purple and red in Autumn. The blue-black berries attract many kinds of birds.

**Kentucky Viburnum.** (*V. molle*). Distinguished by its toothed leaves and dwarf habit. Blue-black berries.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$.75 each, or 3 for \$2.00 F. O. B. Piqua

## Pink Mimosa or Silk Tree (*Albizia julibrissin rosea*)

A dwarf variety of this beautiful tree of the South which is hardy as far north as Boston. Summer weather brings out the bright pink silky flowers, crowded on the upper ends of the branches, and followed by the decorative pods.

3 to 4 ft. Trees, \$1.50 each, Postpaid.

## Goldenrain-tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)

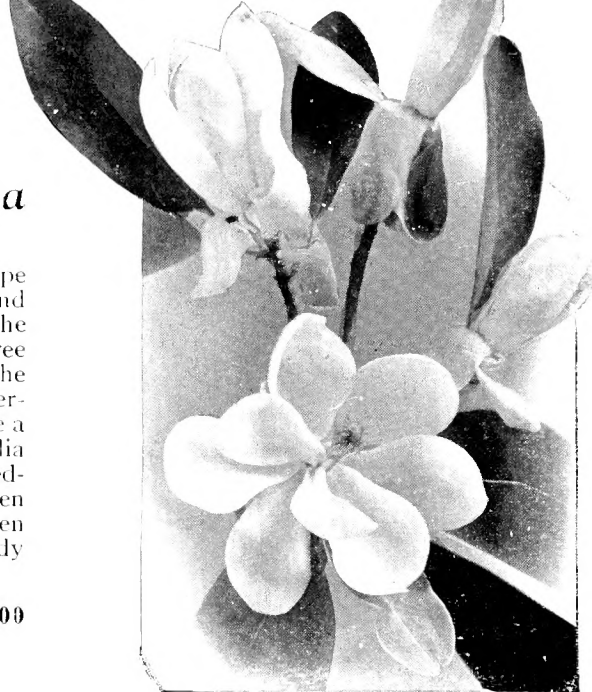
No tree in this climate puts on a greater show; large panicles of rich yellow blossoms on the end of every branch, with a background of dark green pinnate foliage. Comes to a full bloom in July, when shrub or tree bloom is rare, and seldom grows over 25 ft. Thrives under city conditions.

5 to 6 ft. Trees, \$1.75  
6 to 8 ft. Trees, \$2.75 each,  
F. O. B. Piqua

## Giant Chinese Trumpet Vine (*Bignonia radicans* var. *Mme. Galen*)

Exquisite! Gorgeous! The comment you will make whether you find this superb Vine in the most unpretentious garden or in the most sophisticated garden. Immense, deep terracotta red flowers in panicles 14 to 16 in. long; attaches itself to walls by little pads.

Field grown, blooming size Plants, \$1.50 each, or 3 for 4.00 Postpaid.



The Summer-flowering Laurel Magnolia



Giant Chinese

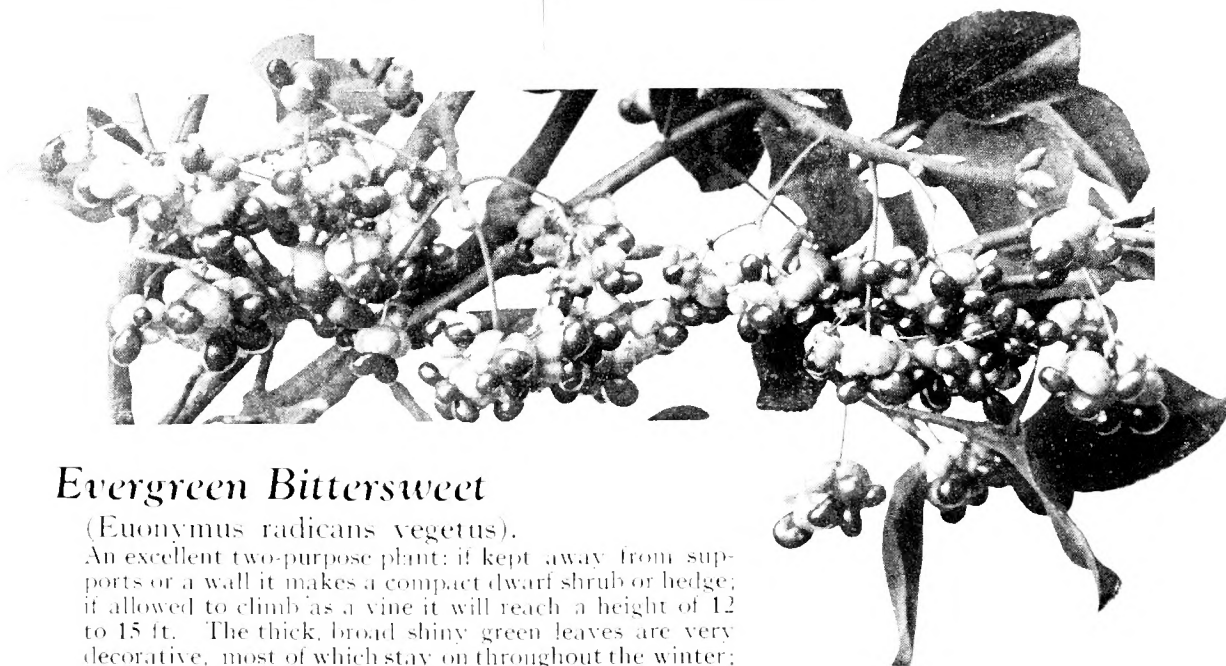
## Fragrant Snowbell (*Styrax obassia*)

A rare Japanese tree with leaves 5 to 9 in. long, dark green above and silver gray beneath. Blossoms in June, fragrant, white racemes. A shapely accent plant; grows to 18 ft. in Boston.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.85 each.  
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*Fragrant Snowbell*



## Evergreen Bittersweet

(*Euonymus radicans vegetus*).

An excellent two-purpose plant: if kept away from supports or a wall it makes a compact dwarf shrub or hedge; if allowed to climb as a vine it will reach a height of 12 to 15 ft. The thick, broad shiny green leaves are very decorative, most of which stay on throughout the winter; in the fall it bears brilliant Bittersweet Berries.

2 year Plants, \$0.50 each; or \$4.00 per doz. Postpaid  
4 year Plants, \$0.75 each; or \$7.50 per doz. F. O. B. Piqua

## Tall-bush Bittersweet (*Euonymus europaeus*)

A selected type for heavy fruiting qualities; the fruits are very similar to those of the Bittersweet Vine and borne in great profusion. It is a tall, narrow bush with handsome deep green foliage; attains a height of 8 to 10 ft., and thrives in shade or sun.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.60 Postpaid, (or 4 to 5 ft. F. O. B. Piqua)

## Tree Spirea (*Sorbaria arborea glabrata*.)

A discovery by the late Dr. E. H. Wilson during his explorations of the China-Thibetan borderland. Growth is rapid, and it blooms unfailingly the first year after planting; tiny, creamy-white flowers borne in immense, compact sprays closely resembling the herbaceous Astilbe.

The gracefully poised, compound foliage makes the Tree Spirea an excellent "filler" shrub in the border. Blooms steadily from the middle of July through September, and is adaptable to almost any soil, partial shade or sun.

3 to 4 ft. Plants, \$0.90 each; 3 for \$2.25.  
5 to 6 ft., \$1.25; 3 for \$3.00, F. O. B. Piqua.